



**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No:  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:	)	
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<b>Mike FARWICK, et al.</b>	)	Examiner: K. Kerr
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Serial No. : 10/098,626	)	Group Art Unit: 1652
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Filed: March 18, 2002	)	

For : PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS BY USING  
CORYNEFORM BACTERIA

**RESPONSE TO WRITTEN RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2004 is due on March 17, 2004. Therefore, please accept this response as timely filed.

The Office Action required Applicants to restrict prosecution of the claims in this application to one of the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-2 and 19, drawn to an elongated polynucleotide encoding 1-phosphofructokinase;

Group II, claims 1-2 and 19, drawn to an elongated polynucleotide encoding 6-phosphofructokinase;

Group III, claims 3-17, drawn to methods of making amino acids in coryneform bacteria with an attenuated 1-phosphofructokinase gene;

Group IV, claims 3-17, drawn to methods of making amino acids in coryneform bacteria with an attenuated 6-phosphofructokinase gene;

Group V, claim 18, drawn to a bacterium with an attenuated 1-phosphofructokinase gene; and

Group VI, claim 18, drawn to a bacterium with an attenuated 6-phosphofructokinase gene.

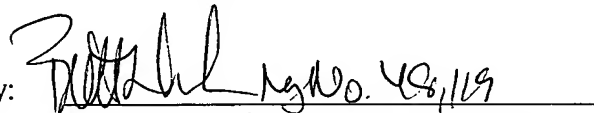
Applicants hereby elect Group III (claims 3-17). Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected claims in due course.

If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032301.269. Similarly, please credit any overpayment SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032301.269.

Respectfully submitted,

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